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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: TEHUANTEPEC LAND BRIDGE AND RR

REF: 77 MEXICO 14183

1. JUNE 12, ISSUE "INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION WEEK"
REPORTS THAT "MEXICO REVIVES CROSS-COUNTRY TRANSPORT
LINK BETWEEN THE PACIFIC PORT OF SALINA CRUZ AND THE
GULF CITY OF COATZACOALCOS. COMPLETED FEASIBILITY STUDIES
HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO
FOR A 'DRY LAND CANAL BRIDGE'. THE 13 MILLION DOLLAR
SCHEME, WHICH MEXICO HOPES WILL SERVE AS A SUBSTITUTE
FOR THE PANAMA CANAL, IS TO CROSS THE ISTHMUS OF
TEHUANTEPEC, LINKING CONTAINER PORTS AT BOTH ENDS.
SECRETARIAT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTS SAYS THE
'ALPHA-OMEGA' PROJECT WILL HANDLE UP TO 37,800 TWENTY-TON

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CONTAINERS PER YEAR; 70 PERCENT OF THOSE VIA A REHABILI-
TATED HIGHWAY, AND 30 PERCENT BY AN UPGRADED RAIL LINE.
MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION WILL COST SOME 2.1
MILLION DOLLARS AT COATZACOALCOS, 5.1 MILLION DOLLARS AT
SALINA CRUZ. CARGO HANDLING EQUIPMENT WILL COST 2.3
MILLION DOLLARS FOR COATZACOALCOS, 3.2 MILLION DOLLARS
FOR SALINA CRUZ..."

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN
DEVELOP IN ADDITION TO FOREGOING PRESS REPORT. SINCE A
NUMBER OF U.S. FIRMS HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT
FOR SEVERAL YEARS, WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY MONI-
TORING AND REPORTING ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY
OCCUR. CHRISTOPHER

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